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MONESSEN OPERA HOUSE.

THE VAN DYKE & EATON CO.
"TOLD IN THE HILLS"
Thursday night "Dora Thorne"

TONIGHT. . . .
and All Week.

DANCE WAS GREAT SUCCESS

Over One Hundred Couple Present.--Nearby Towns Well Represented.

What can safely be called the most brilliant social affair of the season took place last evening in Kelly's hall, the event being the Mystery Races and dance given by the F. O. E. Over a hundred couples were in attendance, guests being present from Altoona, Monongahela, Charleroi, Belle Vernon and Brownsville.

The Mystery Races which were new to most of those present, afforded a novel and interesting form of amusement and greatly increased the evening's entertaining features. Four ladies entered each race and a line of tape and a pair of scissors composed the running honors. The one cutting the tape in half lengthwise first was the winner.

Several races were conducted and thousands of dollars changed hands, the book makers being kept busy recording the bets of the anxious and excited bettors. A very interesting and amusing feature of the races was the Police Court Pikers and all those interfering with the Bookies were promptly arrested by special officer (for the occasion) James Bevins and fined anywhere from $50 to $1,000 by Judge George Myford.

Grand stand seats for the races sold for $250, lemonade $25 per glass and never did money change hands so freely. Jake Meyers, John Rainey, Ted Kiser and Harry Lebowitz were the bookies and exhibited nerve, judgement and intelligence in conducting the betting.

Jos. Madigan also conducted a pawn shop, where the losing better could get a new start in life and prevent the necessity for suicide. The ladies prize was won by Mrs. M. P. Travers, she being the most successful contestant with the shears. The gentlemen's prize, a handsome silk umbrella, was won by Mr. Wm. Smith for the most number of bets won. About 12 o'clock a very dainty lunch was served, to which all present did full justice.

Dancing was then resumed and continued until the wee hours, when all retired to their homes more than satisfied with the evening's entertainment. The affair was quite a financial success and the committee deserve praise for the enjoyable manner in which the evening passed off.

Another Oratorical Contest.

A class of eight young people will contest for a prize on Tuesday March 13, in Kelly's Hall. Six of the young ladies who were in the recent oratorical contest, and two young men compose this class. They are being trained again by Rev. M. M. Allbeck who offers a prize to the successful contestant. The first rehearsal will be held in a few days. This entertainment is under the auspices of St. Pauls Lutheran church for the benefit of the property fund. Tickets are already on sale.

Notice.

There will be a meeting of the Black Faced Minstrel association in Trescher's hall Friday evening at 7:30.

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LOST—A ladies gold watch on Monday evening, between Second Street and opera house. Finder will leave at Independent office and receive reward.

INTERESTING NEWS

Gathered by Our Reporters in Monessen and Vicinity.

Today is Ash Wednesday.

"Told in the Hills" at the opera house tonight

Cowan will please you in the photo line—try him.

Get a pound of 60c candy for 40c at LIGHT'S DRUG STORE.

C. W. Greer is a business caller in Pittsburg today.

M. J. Raleigh is spending a few days in Cincinnati on business.

F. R. Jones, the shoe man, is in Monongahela today on business.

Toilet articles are a specialty with us—LIGHT'S DRUG STORE.

H. J. Michaels of Monongahela has accepted a position at Beck's Drug store.

J. J. Cushing, M. S. Jones and Arthur Keenan were Pittsburg visitors yesterday.

Take your prescription to LIGHT LIGHT'S DRUG STORE.

M. L. Crowley, the undertaker of Charleroi, was in town yesterday on business.

C. W. Culler was transacting business in Pittsburg yesterday, returning home this morning.

Try the Monessen Laundry special lace curtain department, satisfaction guaranteed. 2-tf

Mrs. H. G. Thomas of Charleroi, spent yesterday in town with her sister, Mrs. F. H. Shutterly.

We carry all high grade candies such as **Appollo, Reymer's and Lowney's**—Kirk's Drug Store.

W. A. Bush of Greensburg, is visiting his cousin, J. W. Scott, the liveryman for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Brayton leave today for New York City where they intend making their future home.

After All some of the best cigars are sold exclusively to druggists. We have some of them—Kirk's Drug Store.

Mrs. George Dennis of Lock 4, spent yesterday with her sister, Mrs. Thos. Martin of McMahon avenue.

G. C. Birdy is in New Kensington today looking after business matters for the Monessen Plumbing Co.

We Guarantee the quality and correctness in every detail of all medicine we compound—Kirk's Drug store.

Ed. Pittman left this morning for Roanoke, Alabama, where his brother is reported dying, the result of a recent accident.

Thos. Martin, foreman at the Tin mill, has returned to his duties, after being laid off several days on account of a bealed head.

Dr. Barben, Dentist—A penny saved is a penny earned, a tooth filled is a tooth saved at this office. Phone 53 L.

Miss Cora Dill entertained a number of friends last evening at her home on McKee avenue. A very pleasant evening was spent.

A social will be held Saturday night by the Bible Class of the U. B. Church at the home of Mr. Geo. Wheatley 471 Knox avenue.

Mike Dubetski and Hermanie Kertanski were married yesterday, the ceremony being performed in the Roman Catholic church.

Lenten services to be held every Wednesday night by St. Paul's Lutheran church, begin at 7:45 o'clock tonight in the Trescher building.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Stanley left on the noon train for McKeesport, where Mrs. Stanley will spend a week with her parents. Mr. Stanley will return home this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Watkins left today for Liverpool, Ohio, where they will attend the funeral of the latter's father, Sampson Sharp who died recently in Janesville, Mich.

The school board of McMahan Boro. met last night in the school building, transacting regular business, settling bills due, etc. All members were present except Mr. Sam. Young.

Frank S. Heislery representing the Heislery Fireworks concern of Pittsburg was in town today showing many novel and interesting creations for the coming Fourth. Whites Book Store is their local agent.

W.S. Darrell, the genial tonsorial artist of Fayette City, the garden spot of Pa., was a Monessen caller last evening. Mr. Darrell, took the place of the regular cornet player in the Greening Orchestra at the F. O. E. Dance.

Louis Lebowitz of Philadelphia, came to town last evening and will make Monessen his future home. Mr. Lebowitz who is greatly taken with our hustling city, will assist his brother, Harry Lebowitz in the management of the Capitol Billiard and Bowling Parlors.

Thursday afternoon a number of little folks gathered at the home of Thomas Martin on McMahan avenue, the occasion being his seventh birthday. At 3 o'clock the little folks were invited to a dainty lunch and at 5 all departed for their homes, thanking Thomas for the pleasant afternoon they had spent.

"Told on The Hills."

The above named play, a drama of high class and intense interest will be presented by the Van Dyke & Eaton company tonight. Miss Ollie Eaton will appear in her much advertised handsome and stunning gowns, being entirely different from any worn previous or again during the engagement. On Thursday night "Dora Thorne" will be presented,

FOR SALE.

1	Three lots on Donner avenue between Eighth and Ninth streets, each.....	$1250 00
2	Fine lot on Forest avenue, quick sale, this is $50 less than party paid for the lot in 1903, owner going to California and desires to close the lot out.....	350 00
3	A bargain, lot No. 920, corner of First and Knox avenue, one of the best home sites in Monessen, price $1000 if sold quick. Also lot at corner of Ninth and McMahan, owner of these two lots is going to leave town and desires to sell quick.....	500 00
4	Nice residence property all in good condition, 6 rooms and bath, two full lots, Knox avenue, near First street.....	4500 00
5	Good income property, large eleven room house with bath and laundry, well situated on Schoonmaker avenue, between Fourth and Fifth street.....	5500 00
6	Large lot, 82 feet front by 157 feet deep, corner Reed avenue and Fourth.....	1500 00
7	House and lot on Reed avenue, six rooms and bath, all in good condition, rents well or is a good place for a home.....	3400 00
8	Vacant lot on Donner between First and Second street.....	1250 00
10	Fine building lot on corner of Linden and Oneida, quick sale.....	500 00
11	Five room house on Schoonmaker avenue, between Fourth and Third.....	3500 00
12	Vacant lot, No. 127, corner Second and Schoonmaker.	1700 00
13	Two five room houses. McMahan Borough, $1500 each, cash $300, balance on monthly payments.	
14	Small piece of Pittsburg coal, seven lots near the Borough line of Monessen, a bargain for some one who wants to get into the coal business in a small way, can be easily opened and but a short haul down hill to any part of town, also some good West Virginia coal lands for sale.	
15	A very desirable residence property situated on McKee terrace between first and second streets..6 rooms all in excellent condition, price $3,100 if sold quick.	

We also have some excellent bargains in residence property situated in Belle Vernon, Pa. If you are looking for a farm, call and look over our list of Pennsylvania and Ohio farms from two acres up. If you want to trade your improved property in Monessen for an Ohio farm, call and look over our list and talk with us.

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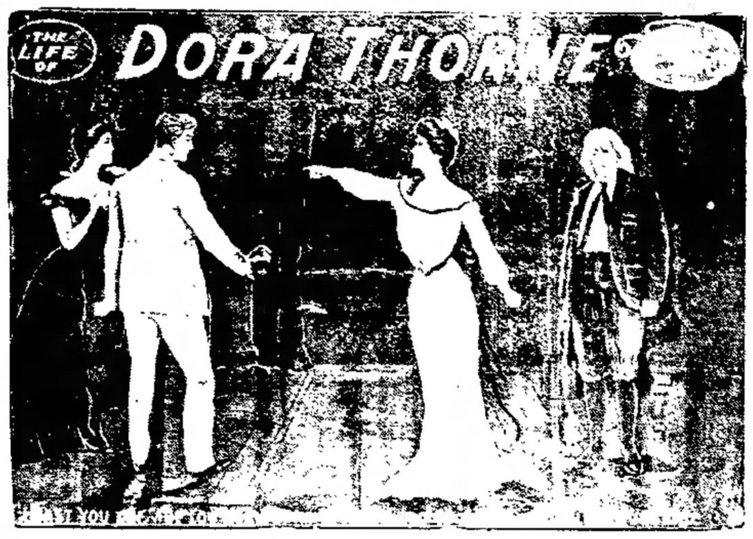

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1	Six rooms and bath, Reed avenue, water free.....	$25 00
	Three rooms, Reed avenue, water free.....	15 00
2	5 rooms and bath on Donner Ave. between 2d and 3d St.	22 00
	Three rooms, Reed avenue, water free.....	15 00
	Four rooms and bath on Third floor, Donner avenue, water free.....	16 00
	Four rooms and bath, third floor, Schoonmaker and Fourth, water free.....	16 00
4	Five rooms and bath on Second floor, Donner avenue, water free.....	20 00
5	Six rooms and bath, corner Maple avenue and Fourteenth street.....	20 00
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	Five rooms and bath, corner Maple avenue and Fourteenth street.....	18 00
6	Rooms and bath Cor. 6th St. and McKee Avenue	18 00
7	Six rooms and bath, third floor Schoonmaker avenue.....	18 00
	Six rooms and bath, Reed avenue.....	20 00
	Two rooms, first floor.....	8 00
10	Four rooms and bath, third floor, Donner avenue, water free.....	17 00
11	Five rooms and bath, second floor front, Donner avenue, water free.....	25 00
14	Six rooms and bath, corner Second and Schoonmaker, water free.....	25 00
16	Large store room, 22x92 feet, cemented cellar.....	65 00
17	Hotel, Glassport, Pa., twenty five rooms.....	35 00
18	Small store room, near Second street and Donner avenue.....	10 00
19	Storeroom, Donner avenue, new front, near Fifth street.	40 00
	Three five room houses with bath, Donner ave. between First and Oneida streets. Water furnished.....	20 00
	These houses are also for sale, cheap on easy payments.	
	4 Room house Margarett and Ninth street, ...	10 00
	For sale cheap on easy payments.	
	8 Room house Margarett and Ninth street	8 00
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Alarmed by the increasing number of suicides each year, the Swiss goverment invites suggestions on how to cope with the evil While France at the present time appears to have the highest percentage of any European country, 239 per million inhabitants, Switzerland is not far behind with 225. The Swiss are. in the main, a prosperous, industrious and contented people, with no great capital like Paris to swell the number of suicides Germany's percentage is 206, Great Britain's 80 and Holland's only 56 Many years ago England tried the expedient of an ignominious burial for the bodies of suicides There was an immediate reduction in the number of self-destroyers. The modern Swiss might not be so easily influenced.

It is plain that France and Italy cannot be really free countries, when two scions of the Vanderbilts, one in each country, have got into serious trouble for running over the populace with their automobiles.

A number of Americans in London were prevented from celebrating Washington's birth day, it appears, because they were suffering from the grip. Perhads they will recover in time for the fourth of July.

In a few more weeks the great American public will be so elated over baseball it won't care whether football is reformed or made even more fatal than it is now.

There is considerable doubt as to the cause of the Chinese outrages, but there is none as to then effect.

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"Whirl about and wheel about, Rose Betsy Lina!
Wheel about and twirl about, Ro-sa Bet-sy Li-na!
Twirl about, whirl about, Ro-sa Bet-sy Li-na!
I want you for my d-a-r-l-i-n-g'"

Her chanting was thin and sweet, a fine thread of melody through the ramping, romping chorus, which the rhythmic footfalls, heavy or light, accented into something weird, almost barbaric. The motion, too, had a touch of primitive savagery—it was so free, so unrestrained, so vividly vital.

The row of players ran all the big room's length, men one side, women the other, with the topmost couple ever changing as those who had stood head swung down the middle together, then separated, meeting and parting and swinging as they met up the sides again. The play was no more than a reel, lacking only the piping or the fiddling. But good Mrs. Dowdell, who held dancing a deadly sin, stood by looking on happily and laughing heartily at the antics and shufflings of the more vigorous players.

Mary-Cindy's foot was as light as thistledown. Her mother thought proudly how clumsy she made the other girls look, unintentionally, of course. Mary-Cindy would not think of willfully outshining them thus in her own house at her very first party

Mrs. Dowdell had been doubtful over the party. Now she was very glad she had let Mary-Cindy have her way. The trouble had been nothing to speak of, and as for the expense—well, she reckoned she could call in the neighborhood young folk to feast and frolic this one night without asking anybody's leave. What if she had not quite paid back all the money she had to borrow when her husband died? She owed it to her brother, a bachelor, and as fond as he could be of Mary-Cindy. Certainly he wouldn't make her trouble. As for other folks, let them say what they pleased.

Thus the good dame said to herself openly in her upper mind. Down beneath she felt that the party was worth while because it had brought young Ellerton again within range of Mary-Cindy's eyes. He had seemed struck with her at the big meeting, now six weeks back, but had somehow not come to call, as she had confidently expected he would But nobody could say she had run after him. His coming was, after a sort, accidental. She had but said to Jack Edwards that he might fetch whatever young men he chose, and Jack had chosen to bring Ellerton.

Ellerton had insisted upon being Mary-Cindy's partner in all the plays. He had said, too, he was going to make her take him in to supper, so as to be sure of getting a full share of the good things. All night he had been laughing and as full of pranks as a boy just out of school. He had even been audacious enough to drag Mrs. Dowdell herself into one play—for a single round, of course—and he had fallen into the way of calling her Mammy Dowdell, as did all the other boys, whom she had about half brought up.

"Ain't he a gay one? I wonder how his wife'd like it of she knowed his carryin's on?" Pamela Ricks said in Mrs. Dowdell's ear, nodding as she spoke toward Ellerton.

Pamela, tall and twenty, had been very pretty. Now, at thirty, thinning, fading, with her soul on edge, she was spiteful withal, a gossip of the first water. But Mrs. Dowdell was a match for her.

"Nobody's wife has got any call to mind her husband's bein' at my house, party or no party," she said, with her easiest smile. "But I believe in bein' keerful. That's why I told Frank Ellerton he'd have to put up mostly with Mary-Cindy tonight I wouldn't have him hearin' around the other gals I knowed Mary-Cindy'd keep him out o' mischief."

Pamela's jaw dropped. "La, I thought you didn't know—no more'n the rest!" she ejaculated

Just then the rush to supper swept her away—supper which meant hot roast turkey, barbecued pig, nine kinds of cake and five of custard, not to name hot coffee and brandy fruit Mrs. Dowdell had stinted nothing, but somehow as she glanced up and down the long table she had set with such housewifely pride it seemed to her suddenly to hold naught but dust and ashes She had lied bravely to Pamela It was the only thing to do if she would save her child from Pamela's acid tongue. Her heart went down, down as she looked to the farther end of the room and saw Mary-Cindy with cheeks like damask roses and starry eyes laughing at something young Ellerton had said, then suddenly darting away from him to greet a late arrival.

"You don't deserve a howdy nor a crumb of supper, you horrid Belly Slowpoke," she said to the newcomer, with a smile that took all sting from the words. "You tried your best to slight my party, but you couldn't," she went on. "Don't try to make excuses. I know."

"My excuse made itself. It's waitin' for us outside," Billy Acton said very low as he spoke, stepping between Mary-Cindy and the rest. "I wish you'd come and see it," he went on. "I found it in the road, and what to do with it beats me plumb and clean."

"What? Who is it?" Mary-Cindy whispered as Billy half dragged her toward a seated figure in the deserted big room. "You ask," Billy whispered back. "All I know is it's somebody huntin' up Frank Ellerton—somebody that had got stuck in the mud down this side the creek. The buggy axle broke, and we had a time sheltin' it"—

"You said we should find my husband. Where is he?" the figure demanded, rising up and turning to face the pair. "Mr. Ellerton, I mean. Tell him to come at once."

"Call him'" Mary-Cindy said, wheeling upon Billy. She was white and trembling, but her voice rang clear. The stranger girl looked at her curiously with eyes full of dancing lights—lights that matched well the wavery color in her cheeks. But she said nothing until Billy came back with young Ellerton, who started at sight of her, yet evidently not in dismay. He caught both her hands and looked down at her with a working face, his eyes asking questions his lips could not frame

"Frank! Oh, Frank! It's all right—we're friends again—and free!" the stranger cried joyously, flinging her arms about his neck and hugging him tight "And I'm so glad I almost love you," she went on. "They wanted to send for you—said I ought to wait until you came, but you know I hate waiting. I simply had to come and tell you the good news."

"You darling Edith," Frank said affectionately, patting her cheek Then he turned to the wondering pair beside him and explained, still keeping hold of Edith's hand. "We've had fearful trouble, all for nothing. You see, we got married in a joke—not in the least meaning to do it—two years back When we found out we were tied hard and fast our people, who were delighted to have us tied, tried hard to persuade us into accepting the situation. All we would agree to was to wait awhile, a year or such matter, before undertaking to set ourselves free But the longer we thought of the tie the less we liked being bound, although we kept on being the best possible friends And then there came a time when we both found out things—things about ourselves and other people. We didn't want a divorce. Indeed, we couldn't well get it. Annulment was hardly practicable, so we were at our wits' end. And then a blessed lawyer dug out the chance of jactitation of marriage, and somehow he has carried it through, and we're consequently ready to dance at each other's wedding"

"Yes," Edith said, nodding and blushing, then holding out her hand to Mary-Cindy "Mine is next week. You must be sure to come. Will you do it?"

"Certainly she will," Ellerton answered before Mary-Cindy could speak. "She'll come and be your matron of honor. You know I'm going to be Joe Bent's best man."

"I'm glad you have it all settled," Mary-Cindy said, running away, but with a blush that promised all the most eager lover could ask.

According to the Letter.

There are some literal minded persons who are never satisfied with the spirit of the law, but who consider it necessary to enter into compromises with the letter. Of such was an old citizen of Hopkinton, N. H., a good many years ago, and his juggling with his conscience is recorded by Mr Lord in the records of the town.

The old man used to boast that he never went back on his exact word, but had no compunctions in going round it Once he wished to buy a certain tract of land, and when the owner named the price he exclaimed.

"I won't give it! I tell you I will never give it!"

The owner did not yield nevertheless A few days afterward the old man called again He said nothing about the land, but stepped into the owner's barn and picked up a flail

"What's that?" he asked.

"That? Oh, that's a flail."

"So you call that a flail, do you? Well, what would you take for it?"

The owner named a very small sum

"Now, I'll tell you what I'll do" continued the old man. "I'll give you the price you mentioned for your land and this flail. And you mustn't forget the flail It must be included in the deed"

So the legal instrument was duly made out, signed and delivered, recording the purchase of a certain tract of land situated thus and so and bounded as follows, and also a certain flail"

Evolutionary Shopping.

Mrs. Compton looked at her patient but bewildered husband with an expression of good natured superiority "Dear me, George," she said cheerfully "I don't see the use of my trying to explain to you, but I'm perfectly willing to do it, of course.

"I did intend, as you say, to buy a kitchen table, and I came home with a hall mirror. But it was an absolutely natural change.

"First I looked at kitchen tables Then the clerk called my attention to the kitchen cabinets, with drawers and everything. Then I said how much they looked like bureaus, except that they had no glass. Then he showed me one with a glass, and then he said he had such a pretty bureau if I cared to look at it.

"So I looked at that, and it was pretty, but the glass was rather small. So then he showed me a dressing case with a good sized mirror, and I said what nice glass it was. And then he said, 'If you want to see a fine piece of glass, let me show you one of our new hall mirrors.'

"And of course, George, you can understand that when I saw that beautiful mirror I had to have it; and you know you don't like me to run up bills in new places, and I hadn't enough to buy a kitchen table, too, so—now isn't it clear?"—Youth's Companion.

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TWO BOYS CRACK SAFE

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Raymond White, a 10-year-old lad of Donora, was arrested Saturday night at Carrolton, a small town just across the river from Monongahela, for robbing a store belonging to Henry Getting. Young White was accompanied by another lad about the same age, who escaped and has not yet been found. The two lads succeeded in getting into the safe and took $10 and two valuable watches, besides a number of other small articles.

Mr. Getting conducts a restaurant and small grocery in connection and Saturday night late he was aroused by some noise in the store and upon investigation discovered that someone was in the room. He at once secured a gun and went to the store, but as soon as the lads heard the proprietor coming they took flight. Mr. Getting fired two shots at the burglars, not knowing that they were mere children. Young White, being somewhat frightened at the bullets whistling, surrendered at once, but the other lad made good his escape.

The youthful night prowlers had gained an entrance by removing a pane of glass from the window and after entering they secured the key to the safe and took the valuables, before tapping the safe the two boys had spread themselves a lunch of all the good things that could be found in the restaurant. The captive boy refuses to devulge the name of his pal, but the officers are on his track and will likely have him in tow soon.

The White boy comes from Donora and seems to be incorrigible, as his father stated he could do nothing with the boy. He had disappeared from home on Tuesday and had not been heard from since that time until his arrest. The young boy was taken in charge by Constable Hobaugh and placed in the lockup at this place, Chief-of Police Logan was not consulted in the matter and not knowing what had been done, found the lad in the lockup among some common drunks that had been locked up, and he at once set the boy free. The boy left the place, and nothing has been seen or heard of him from that time.

Will Install Officers.

The Knights of Malta will install the new officers tomorrow night in Kelly's hall. After the installation, the members will partake of an elaborate spread furnished by Stanley, the caterer. The local council K. of M. is one of the strongest in this vicinity and the prospects for a substantial gain this coming year are very bright.

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Boy Injured by Torpedo.

The 5 year old son of Tony Deleski met with a serious accident at the home of his parents in Black Diamond Monday. The little fellow found a torpedo lying along the R. R. tracks and taking it home pounded it with a hatchet resulting in an explosion which may cause him the loss of both eyes. He was taken to to the West Penn, Hospital for treatment.

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WEBSTER NOTES.

Leroy J. Heinz of Fairport, Ind, paid our town a commercial visit recently.

The mines here are all working full and the prospects are good for a prosperous spring.

Those who turned their attention to garden making last week, are now sorry they spoke.

James Conroy, the barber, was in Monessen today on a business errand returning home this evening.

The rumor to the effect that a wild man had been captured in Turkey Hollow Monday, has since proven false.

A number of Webster people were in Donora last evening and heard Mrs. Mabel Conklin lecture in the M. E. church.

Miss Nora Gillingham of this place who is visiting friends at Lock 4, attended the F. O. E. dance in Kelly's hall, Monessen last evening.

L. W. Kesterson and family of Monongahela, who for the past few days have been the guests of C. Sinogle have returned home.

Word has been received from Pittsburg that the P. & L. E. R. R. Co. will soon commence the new tracks which they have been contemplating for some time. The company have purchased all the properties bordering on the river, among them the Taylor property, the old saw mill property, Mansbergers and several others which they will immediately clear of buildings etc. It is the intention of the company to lay four tracks, but whether the one now in use will be abandoned is not yet known.

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IN HIGH LATITUDES.

Where You Can Read Late at Night Without Artificial Light.

I have, on the Limfiord, in Denmark, latitude 57 degrees, read the newspaper in my bedroom at 10:30 p. m. without the aid of a candle. While I read the villagers played skittles in the alley under my window, and beyond the hoary chestnut trees of the garden, with clots of starlings on their bare top boughs, the sky was still crimson and gold in the west, with the long, woolly lines of vapor only just beginning to swathe the land like a blanket. On the other side of the inn the traffic was as vigorous then as at noonday. Carriers' carts creaked up to the door, and dray loads of squeaking pigs made other music than the lark's. Double chaises, with cushions of red or green velvet and half a dozen happy villagers to each (the men all with great china bowled pipes in their mouths), swung lazily by, raising a dust, and the lowing of troubled cows and calves came as much from the road as from the illimitable meadow beyond attached to the historical old manor house (now a mere dairy farm), whose buildings were quite concealed by the tall trees that girdle them.

The inn damsels, sewing girls, kitchen maids, the daughters of the house and a friend or two had now set aside all the cares of the day and were rolling each other about on the dewy grass under the chestnut trees like so many lambkins, and the landlady with the immensurable waist, who by day held all the maids leashed to their respective tasks with inflexible yet not unkind severity, stood in the doorway, with her fat beringed fingers in her yielding sides and disturbed the starlings periodically with her stentorian peals of laughter at the antics of her dependents. Yet at 5 o'clock the next morning, with her own rhadamanthine hand, she will pull the bellrope that shall waken each lass, and by 6 the establishment will be again in a normal state of activity. As for the worthy landlord, he is haymaking until 11 p. m., and it will be odd if he is not up before his dame wakes every soul in the house with her call bell.—Cornhill Magazine.

Three Stories.

Here are some bits from the diary of Sir Mountstuart E. Grant Duff: "A gentleman who rather overvalued himself, looking at a case of birds, said to an ornithologist who was with him: 'What is that bird?' 'That,' said the other, 'is a magpie.' 'It's not my idea of a magpie,' was the rejoinder. 'Perhaps not,' replied his friend, 'but it's God's idea of a magpie.'"

A man named Faber lay ill. "'You are very ill indeed,' said the doctor. 'Then you had better,' the sick man rejoined, 'order the prayers for the dying to be read.' 'No,' answered the person to whom he spoke, 'I think you will live four and twenty hours.' 'Oh, in that case,' rejoined Faber, 'read me Pickwick.'"

"Things one would rather have put differently," writes the diarist. "Mr. Cecil Rhodes to his neighbor at dinner, an extremely pretty woman: He—I hate Germans. She—Well, I don't hate them, but I by no means like them. He—Oh, I thought you were a German!"

MASKED ....DEATH

[Original.]

This story was told on the night before Mardi Gras.

"Our nobles, Gilderstane," said the prince to his prime minister, "are fast degenerating. While there is no evil in them, there is no good. Some wizard has cast upon them the spell of frivolity. Their days are given to out of door sports, their nights to dancing and feasting."

"I have pondered, your highness, on their condition and have concluded that they can only be brought to their senses by some impressive lesson."

"Have you a plan?"

"I have. I would suggest that your highness issue an order for a grand masquerade to be given at the palace."

"Do you desire our attendance?"

"Only for a brief space."

The prince sat in deep thought.

"Gilderstane," he said at last, "you have given us many proofs of your wisdom as well as of your fidelity. It shall be as you desire."

A royal command was issued for a masquerade that was to exceed in splendor any fete that had been previously given. Society at once dropped pleasure in the present to take a firmer hold on pleasure in the future. All were busy hunting original costumes. The principality was scoured for the oddest, the richest costumes, while artists were called upon to produce the most fantastic designs.

The evening arrived. The palace was a blaze of lights and, though it was winter, its interior resembled a garden of the tropics. The arriving guests sprang from their carriages with eager steps and hurried into the palace. Pleasure had been pent during the interval of preparation and was now ready to burst forth with new vigor. Brilliant lights fell on resplendent costumes. Jewels received the rays, broke them and sent them back in dazzling hues. The music had in it a quickening thrill to set the blood coursing, the feet flying. There were girls with supple figures, women with queenly ones, slender youths and men of stately mien, all swaying, rocking in the dance. As the hours flew by the music grew madder, the dancing more abandoned. From a supper room came popping of corks, bursts of laughter, shouts of merriment. The dancers, breaking from prescribed forms, danced alone. Ivory arms waved aloft. Beneath a fringe of silk and lace shapely feet in kid fluttered like the wings of a swarm of white butterflies.

The clock struck 12.

The music stopped.

The dancers, wondering, paused and stood still.

Two lackeys threw open a portal, and the prince, attended by his suit, entered, moving silently and amid silence to the throne. When he was seated four masked men came through a side door bearing a bier covered with a canopy of satin and velvet and, making their way through the guests, who opened before them, set it down in the center of the ballroom. Then, while the revelers looked on with repressed expectation, one of the bearers removed a pall and uncovered a figure masked and in costume.

"What a singular feature!"

"His highness has outdone himself in originality!"

"Who could have consented to play so grewsome a part—the part of the dead?"

"Is he dead?"

"Dead! He will arise presently and give us a novel dance, something never seen before. Come, let us form a ring and spin about him to give him inspiration."

The speaker seized the hand of a girl looking on, and, willy nilly, she was carried along, others joining till a circle was formed extending to the very limits of the ballroom, all dancing, shouting, singing round and round.

Presently one of the dancers broke from the ring and advanced to the bier.

"Come," he said, "arise and give us the dance of death." And he tore away the mask.

A thrill of horror shot through the crowd. There, rigid, a form of clay, a face of marble, cheeks hollow, eyes sunken, chin dropped upon the breast, lay the earthly part of one who a few days before had been the merriest man in the principality.

The assembly stood as if petrified. If there were sounds, they were gasps of horror; if there were movement, it was by some who had fainted. The prince sat immovable. From the foot of the throne the prime minister advanced a few paces, then stopped and spoke.

"Fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee."

There was a silence during which the speaker kept his finger pointed to the corpse and his eye fixed on the people. The prince sat silent on his throne, rigid as a figure of stone. For a time no one moved or seemed to move, but presently the throng grew thinner. When all were gone the prince descended from his throne and, hand in hand with his prime minister, left the room. Lastly the bearers took up the corpse and bore it away, the lights were turned off, and where there had been a flare of splendor a single star looked in through a window.

From that time the prince had the satisfaction to see his people enter upon a new era. Temples to the arts and sciences sprang up; homes for the poor and the sick were erected; libraries were collected. Where before only the playhouse and the ballroom were attended, now eminent thinkers spoke to crowded audiences, while those whose work it was to cultivate the soul reaped a rich harvest. A splendor of pleasure had given way to a splendor of morals and intellect.

F. A. MITCHEL.

CONDEMNED AS FOOD

NEARLY EVERYTHING WORTH EATING HAS BEEN UNDER A BAN.

From the Days of Adam There Has Been Not Only Forbidden Fruit, but Forbidden Meats and Vegetables. The Peculiar Belief of "Totemism."

From the days of Adam and Eve to the present time there has been not only forbidden fruit, but forbidden meats and vegetables. For one reason or another people have resolutely refused to eat any and all kinds of flesh, fish, fowl, fruits and plants. Thus the apple, the pear, the strawberry, the quince, the bean, the onion, the leek, the asparagus, the woodpecker, the pigeon, the goose, the deer, the bear, the turtle and the eel—these, to name only a few eatables, have been avoided as if unwholesome or positively injurious to health and digestion.

As we all know, the Jews have long had a hereditary antipathy to pork. On the other hand, swine's flesh was highly esteemed by the ancient Greeks and Romans. This fact is revealed by the many references to pig as a dainty bit of food. At the great festival held annually in honor of Demeter roast pig was the piece de resistance in the bill of fare because the pig was the sacred animal of Demeter. Aristophanes in "The Frogs" makes one of the characters hint that some of the others "smell of roast pig." These people undoubtedly had been at the festival, known as the Thesmophoria and had eaten freely of roast pig. Those who took part in another Greek mystery or festival, known as the Eleusinia, abstained from certain food and, above all, from beans.

Again, as we all know, mice are esteemed in China and in some parts of India, but the ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Jews abhorred mice and would not touch mouse meat. Rats and field mice were sacred in old Egypt and were not to be eaten on this account. So, too, in some parts of Greece, the mouse was the sacred animal of Apollo, and mice were fed in his temples. The chosen people were forbidden to eat "the weasel and the mouse and the tortoise after his kind." These came under the designation of unclean.

But people have abstained from eating kinds of flesh which could not be called unclean. For example, the people of Thebes, as Herodotus tells us, abstained from sheep. What is the matter with mutton chops? Then, the ancients used to abstain from certain vegetables. Indeed, the Romans sneered at those Egyptians who did not dare to eat onions, leeks or garlic, and yet the Romans themselves were superstitious about what they ate or what they should avoid eating.

In his "Roman Questions" Plutarch asks, "Why do the Latins abstain strictly from the flesh of the woodpecker?" In order to answer Plutarch's question correctly it is necessary to have some idea of the peculiar custom and belief called "totemism." There is a stage of society in which people claim descent from and kinship with beasts, birds, vegetables and other objects. This object, which is a "totem," or family mark, they religiously abstain from eating. The members of the tribe are divided into clans or stocks, each of which takes the name of some animal, plant or object, as the bear, the buffalo, the woodpecker, the asparagus, and so forth. No member of the bear family would dare to eat bear meat, but he has no objection to eating buffalo steak. Even the marriage law is based on this belief, and no man whose family name is Wolf may marry a woman whose family name is also Wolf.

In a general way it may be said that almost all our food prohibitions spring from the extraordinary custom generally called totemism. Mr. Swan, who was a missionary for many years in the Kongo Free State, thus describes the custom: If I were to ask the Yeke people why they do not eat zebra flesh, they would reply, "Chijila"—i. e., "It is a thing to which we have an antipathy," or, better, "It is one of the things which our fathers taught us not to eat." So it seems the word "bashilang" means "the people who have an antipathy to the leopard;" the "bashalamba," "those who have an antipathy to the dog," and the "bashilaulanzefu," "those who have an antipathy to the elephant." In other words, the members of these stocks refuse to eat their totems, the zebra, the leopard and the elephant, from which they take their names.

The survival of antipathy to certain foods was found among people as highly civilized as the Egyptians, the Greeks and the Romans. Quite a list of animals whose flesh was forbidden might be drawn up. For example, in old Egypt the sheep could not be eaten in Thebes, nor the goat in Mendes, nor the cat in Bubastis, nor the crocodile at Ombos, nor the rat, which was sacred to Ra, the sun god. However, the people of one place had no scruples about eating the forbidden food of another place, and this often led to religious disputes and bad blood.

Among the vegetables tabooed as food by the Egyptians may be mentioned the onion, the garlic and the leek. Lucian says that the inhabitants of Pelusium adored the onion. According to Pliny, the Egyptians used to swear by the leek and the onion. Juvenal pokes fun at those who thought it a sin to eat them. He exclaims, "Surely a very religious nation and a blessed peace where every garden is overrun with gods!"

The survivals of totemism among the ancient Greeks are very interesting. Families named after animals and plants were not uncommon. One Athenian genus, the Ioxidae, had for its ancestral plant the asparagus. We may be sure that this plant was tabooed as food to every man, woman and child of the Ioxidae.—New York Post.

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